



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 03806.0459-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Olivier Fagebaume et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3624  
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Application No.: 10/075,369 ) Examiner: Weisberger, R.  
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Filed: February 15, 2002 )  
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING BY )  
ELECTROCHEMICAL PROCESS )  
A CARBON-CONTAINING )  
MATERIAL WITH ITS SURFACE )  
MODIFIED BY ORGANIC )  
GROUPS, USE OF THE )  
MODIFIED MATERIAL )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE**

These comments are being filed concurrently with the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and an Information Disclosure Statement. This application was previously allowed on September 30, 2004.

The Notice of Allowability mailed September 30, 2004, mistakenly states that the allowed claims were 1 and 25-31, renumbered as 1-8. On February 23, 2004, Applicants submitted an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, wherein claims 1-24 were canceled and new claims 25-31 were added. Applicants filed a Request for Correction of Notice of Allowance and Return of 1449 Form on November 15, 2004, requesting the Office to correct the Notice of Allowability. To date, Applicants have not

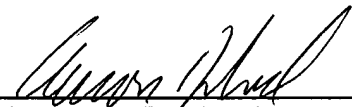
received a response from the Office. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner correct the next Notice of Allowability so that it reads that the allowed claims are 25-31, renumbered as 1-7.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter these comments and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 29, 2004

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